

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously presented) A method for treating cystic fibrosis, said method comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising an S-nitrosothiol to a patient having cystic fibrosis, wherein the composition is formulated as a powder or an aerosol and administered to the nasal mucosa and osteomeatal complex.

2-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for treating cystic fibrosis, said method comprising the step of administering a composition comprising ethyl nitrite to a patient having cystic fibrosis in an amount effective to prevent lessen accumulation of mucus, bronchoconstriction and bacterial growth in the CF airway, ~~as preventive therapy~~, or an amount to ameliorate bronchoconstriction, mucus plugging and/or bacterial bronchitis/bronchiolitis, as acute therapy, where the composition is formulated as an aerosol and administered to the nasal mucosa and osteomeatal complex.